

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 5, 2005 required election of a single disclosed species of the claimed invention from the identified species shown in FIGs. 3A, 3B, and 3C.

According to the Office Action, the Applicant must elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Office Action also remarks that no claim is generic.

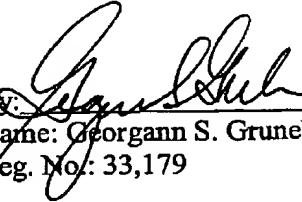
The Applicants respectfully disagree that no claim is generic to claimed invention as illustrated in FIGs. 3A, 3B, and 3C. Independent claims 1, 28, 53, and 63 each read on all three identified species. Therefore, in this respect, the Applicants respectfully traverse.

However, the Applicants provisionally elect the species of the claimed invention illustrated in FIG. 3C. The claims that read on this species include claims 1-3 and 5-72.

Consequently, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the election requirement. It is also submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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